

Prayers to Saint Norbert

Patron of Expectant Mothers and Couples Desiring to Conceive

Prayer for the Increase of our Family

O God, Who made Saint Norbert an outstanding herald of Your Word and so enriched Your Church with abundant offspring, grant, we beseech You, that through his heavenly intercession, we may bring forth new children for Holy Mother Church who will please You in this life and be heirs to Your heavenly kingdom in the world to come. O Lord, grant us the constancy in faith and firmness of hope which filled the heart of Your servant, Saint Norbert, so that through his merits and intercession, we may ever confide the growth and care of our family to Your loving providence with absolute confidence and trust. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Queen of families, pray for us!

Saint Joseph, pillar of families, pray for us!

Saint Norbert, born in answer to the prayer of your own mother, pray for us!

Saint Norbert, most constant in faith, pray for us!

Saint Norbert, most firm in hope, pray for us!

Saint Norbert, worker of miracles, pray for us!

(Courtesy of the Norbertine Fathers of St. Michael's Abbey)

Prayer for Expectant Parents

O glorious Saint Norbert, faithful servant of the Lord, who had a special love for the mystery of Christ's Birth at Bethlehem, we humbly ask you to beseech God for us, that, like Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we may ever be a holy family united in love. Assist us as we prepare for the birth of our child. Obtain for us the grace of a safe and healthy pregnancy, free from all danger. Please implore the intercession of the glorious Virgin Mother and Saint Joseph to guide and support us, to calm our fears and to strengthen our love. And when the blessed moment comes, please ask God to bring our child into this world safely and in good health for the praise and glory of His Holy Name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Prayer for Good Childbirth

Saint Norbert, great and faithful servant of God! You venerated the holy and miraculous birth of our Savior, Whom His Mother, the purest Virgin Mary, conceived without the loss of Her virginity and gave birth to without pain. That is why you connected the origin of the Premonstratensian Order with the day of the birth of Jesus Christ. I humbly beseech you, Saint Norbert, great protector, that through your intercession God will grant me the grace to give birth to this child I have conceived. May He also grant that this child will join the Church of Christ through the sacrament of Baptism, and that he (she) will serve Him, Our Lord, the whole of his (her) life, so that in the end we both will reach eternal salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Translated from The Little Hours, 1749, by one of our Norbertine Canonesses of Doksany, Czech Republic, adapted)



St. Norbert was born in answer to his own mother's prayers for another child, and while he was in the womb, his mother, anxious about her unborn child, was consoled by a heavenly voice. Later, when a devout woman approached the saint to ask whether she and her husband ought to separate and enter monasteries because they had been unable to conceive, St. Norbert prophesied that they would be blessed with children, the first of whom would be dedicated to God. This child, Nicholas, did indeed become a Norbertine at Prémontré. For these reasons, St. Norbert is traditionally invoked for a good childbirth. In our own time, the Norbertine Canonesses of Doksany (Czech Republic) promote this devotion to St. Norbert as patron of couples struggling with infertility or high risk pregnancies. They now have thousands of spiritual children, reporting hundreds of families blessed with children after invoking St. Norbert's intercession.